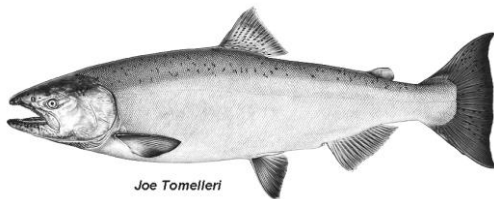


IDAHO 2017 Chinook Salmon Seasons & Rules

Upper Salmon River
and
Lochsa River



Salmon in this brochure refer to anadromous (ocean run) Chinook Salmon of the species *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*.

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Seasons

The following waters are open to fishing for salmon during the periods listed. Waters not specifically designated below shall remain CLOSED to fishing for salmon unless opened by Commission action. In all waters open to salmon fishing, the season shall be 7 days a week until further notice.

Open June 22 until further notice:

Upper Salmon River: From the Highway 93 bridge 0.3 miles south of the junction of Highway 93 and Highway 75 upstream to the posted boundary approximately 100 yards downstream of the weir and trap at Sawtooth Hatchery south of Stanley.

Lochsa River: From Lowell Bridge upstream to Twin Bridges immediately upstream from the confluence of Crooked Fork and Colt Killed creeks.

Closing Dates:

Areas will be closed by Closure Order signed by the Director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Fishing Hours

Upper Salmon River: Fishing is permitted from 5:30 AM to 10:00 PM Mountain Daylight Time

Lochsa River: Fishing is permitted from 4:30 AM to 9:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time

Methods of Take

Only barbless hooks may be used

Not greater than 5/8 Inch



**Hook - Up to 3
points on one shank**



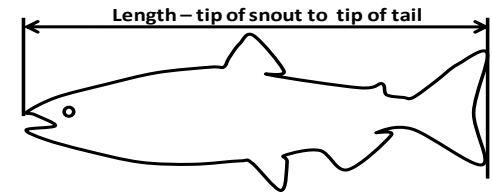
**Single point hook - One
point on one shank**

- A. It is unlawful to use any hook larger than 5/8 inch measured from the point of the hook to the shank.
- B. Only barbless hooks may be used when fishing for salmon. Bending the barb(s) down to the shank of a single, double, or treble hook will meet this requirement.

Daily, Possession, & Season Limits

NOTE: Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) may implement in-season changes to seasons or limits. For updated seasons and limits information consult a license vendor, an IDFG office, the IDFG salmon fishing hotline (855-287-2702) or the IDFG website: (<http://idfg.idaho.gov/fish/chinook>)

Adult Chinook Salmon are 24 inches or more in length.
Jack Chinook Salmon are less than 24 inches in length.



Upper Salmon Rivers

- **Daily Bag Limit:** Four (4) adipose fin clipped salmon per day, only two (2) may be adults.
- **Possession Limit:** Twelve (12) adipose fin clipped salmon in possession, of which no more than six (6) may be adults.

Lochsa River

- **Daily Bag Limit:** Four (4) salmon with adipose intact or adipose fin clipped per day, only two (2) may be adults.
- **Possession Limit:** Twelve (12) salmon with adipose intact or adipose fin clipped in possession of which no more than six (6) may be adults.
- **Season Limit:** No person may take more than twenty (20) adult Chinook Salmon statewide during 2017 salmon seasons occurring prior to September 1, 2017.

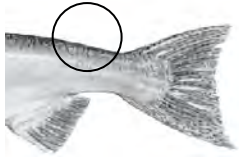
"Possession limit" in all waters open to fishing shall apply to salmon while in the field or being transported to the final place of consumption or storage.

Anglers may not fish in waters having special limits while in possession of fish in excess of those limits. (For example: an angler may not fish in a river section with a daily bag limit of one adult salmon if they have harvested one or more adult salmon in another river section with the same or higher adult bag that day.)

Tribal Fisheries

Tribal fisheries also occur in Idaho. They are governed by the Tribes and have different rules than Idaho sport fisheries. Please be respectful of these different fishing traditions.

Harvest Rules



- A.** In the Upper Salmon River only salmon with an adipose fin that has been clipped as evidenced by a healed scar may be harvested.



- B.** Chinook Salmon -with an intact adipose fin **MUST** be released in the Upper Salmon River. Clipped or unclipped Chinook Salmon may be harvested in the Lochsa River.

C. No person shall have in the field or in transit a hatchery-produced adult anadromous salmon that has been processed by removing the head and tail unless the following conditions are met: 1) the fish has been recorded on the taker's salmon permit; 2) the fish is processed and packaged with the skin naturally attached to the flesh including the portion with a healed, clipped, adipose fin scar or an intact adipose fin; 3) it must be packaged in a manner that the number of fish harvested can readily be determined. No person shall process salmon until they are ashore and done fishing for the day. No person shall transport processed salmon via boat. Jack salmon may not be processed while in the field or in transit. Any processed salmon count towards an angler's possession limit while in the field or in transit.

D. All salmon that are hooked, landed and reduced to possession must be killed immediately after landing and shall be counted in the limits of the person hooking the fish.

It is unlawful to take or attempt to take salmon by snagging. Snagging shall mean the taking or attempting to take a fish by use of a hook or lure in any manner or method other than enticing or attracting a fish to strike with, and become hooked in its mouth. A salmon that has been hooked anywhere other than its mouth or jaw must be released.

Releasing Fish

Any salmon that is landed or any salmon that is landed but not reduced to possession must be released. Anglers should strive to minimize handling and stress on each fish caught and released to maximize their chance to survive.

Permit Validation

When an adult Chinook Salmon has been hooked, landed and reduced to possession, the angler hooking the fish must immediately:

- Cut out and completely remove one numbered notch from the permit; and
- Look up the location code number from the list below and write it in the space provided; and
- Enter in space provided, the month and day fish was caught.
 - When a salmon is released unharmed, as in catch-and-release fishing, the angler is not required to make an entry on the permit.
 - While anglers may retain salmon less than 24 inches in length as part of their bag and possession limit they are not required to record them on their permit.

For example, a salmon greater or equal to 24 inches length kept from the Upper-Salmon River in the section from Valley Creek to Sawtooth Weir on June 22 would be entered as:

Fish	Bird	Month	Day	Location Code	Month	Day	Location Code	Fish	Bird
1		6	22	19				21	
2								22	
3								23	
4								24	
5								25	

REMOVE NOTCH COMPLETELY!

RIVER LOCATION CODES

See Seasons section for full description of fishing boundaries. All of a river section may not be open for salmon fishing.

Upper Salmon River

From the Highway 93 bridge south of Challis and 0.3 miles south of the junction of Highway 93 and Highway 75 upstream to the mouth of the East Fork Salmon River..... 18

Mouth of the East Fork Salmon River to the posted boundary about 100 downstream of the weir and trap at Sawtooth Hatchery 19

Lochsa River

From Lowell Bridge upstream to the Twin Bridges immediately upstream from the confluence of Crooked Fork and Colt Killed creeks 08